



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2008

The August 19, 2008 meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by the
Chairperson, Margery F. Rodgers, PT.

Call to Order

Board members present:

John Baker, PT
Ved K. Gupta, Consumer Member
Shirley Leeper, PTA
Lori Mizell, PT
Donald Novak, PT
Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member
Stephen Ryan, PT

Also present:

Ann E. Tyminski, Executive Director
Joy E. Aaron, Administrative Officer
Patricia Miller, Licensing Coordinator
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Sandra Kurland, Board Secretary
Ernest Bures, Investigator/Compliance Officer
Teresa Thornton, Investigator
Paula Hollinger
Sharon Bloom
Tyrone P. Johnson
Wayland Robinson
Marcia Hampstead
Stephanie Townsend

Mrs. Tyminski introduced Teresa Thornton, the Board's new investigator.
Ms. Thornton started with the Board on August 6, 2008 and comes to us
from the Chiropractic Board. Ms. Thornton has extensive experience with fraud.
The Board members introduced themselves and welcomed her.

Investigator

The minutes of the meeting held on July 15, 2008 were accepted as presented.	Minutes
Mrs. Tyminski had several changes to the agenda. The reinstatements of Rita M. Drinkard, PT and Ann K. Behrends, PT were taken off the agenda. A letter and DVD regarding Neurocranial Restructuring was added.	Agenda
Mrs. Tyminski reviewed the PT application for Khaled H. Eleesily. His credentials evaluation was accepted by the Board.	Khaled H. Eleesily
Mrs. Tyminski received an inquiry from Elisa Della, from Kennedy Krieger Institute in reference to telemedicine. John Baker suggested he research this issue. Ms. Hollinger advised that the Association of State Legislators has studied this issue and may have some material on it. The Board advised Ms. Della that it is difficult to perform physical therapy treatment through telecommunications but that a physical therapist could act as a consultant in this manner. They further advised that physical therapists are licensed to treat patients within the jurisdiction that the patient is in at the time of treatment.	Telemedicine
The "Motions for the Delegate Assembly" were discussed. The Board voted to support all three of the motions presented.	Motions
Shirley Leeper, PTA presented her review of audited licensees who are either short of CEUs or who need to submit more documentation to determine if they have acceptable courses. An informal hearing will be held for those that did courses on our non-approved list. Two people did not respond to the audit and will be sent a third notice by certified mail.	CEU Audit
Mrs. Tyminski received an e-mail from Melissa Rechlin, PT in reference to clarification for a presentation on PTA documentation. The board stated that she needs to include the information in the documentation regulations.	PTA Documentation
Mrs. Tyminski discussed the form requesting information about licensees interested in animal physical therapy.	Animal Physical Therapy
The Athletic Trainers are looking to be licensed again this year. The Physician's Board has informed them that they need to change the bill proposal to include the suggestions submitted by OT, PT and Chiro Boards.	Athletic Trainers
Mrs. Tyminski received a letter and DVD in reference to Neurocranial Restructuring. Donald Novak, PT will view the DVD and research the subject.	Neurocranial Reconstruction
The Board discussed this year's continuing education course. Mrs. Tyminski told the Board that the Carroll Community College auditorium is an option if the date is decided early enough. Also, the Senate Office Building in Annapolis can be reserved when legislature is not in session.	CEU Course

Lori Mizell, PT submitted a list of questions in reference to the Board's processes. These questions will be reviewed and discussed at the next Board meeting. Mrs. Tyminski felt they were good questions and could provide an educational session for Board members. Ms. Rodgers indicated in September we would discuss Question 5, 1, 2, 3.

Questions

Reports

Income summaries were distributed.

Income

The Board's response to the audit was distributed. Mrs. Tyminski asked the Board members to review and comment.

State Audit

Information

Information for membership in the Citizen Advocacy Center (CAC) was distributed. The CAC serves the public interest by enhancing the effectiveness and accountability of health professionals with the bodies they oversee. The Board voted to join at the cost of \$275.

CAC

An article from the Frederick County Daily Newspaper in reference to PTAs performing animal physical therapy was distributed for review.

Animal PT

Mrs. Tyminski received a note from Susan Cecere in reference to the State Department of Education's requirement of certification being withdrawn. Licensure of PTs, OTs, and SLPs will be instituted to serve as certification.

Licensure in
School Systems

The FSBPT presented information about a Practice Review Tool. Board Members were urged to read the material.

Practice Review
Tool

The Maryland Board of Physical Therapy's newsletter has been sent to all state boards of physical therapy and all Maryland boards.

Newsletter

Continuing Education

"Hormones, Heart Health and the Brain" was denied as it is not clinically related to physical therapy.

"Returning to Life the Functional Way after a Stroke or Brain Injury" was denied as it is not related to physical therapy.

"Insulin Connection" was approved for 0.3 CEUs.

"Global Health" was denied since this course is related to physicians, not physical therapy.

"Dementia and Cognition" was denied. The Board felt that this course is geared for occupational therapy, not physical therapy.

speech nfr

Applicants Wayland Robinson, Tyrone Johnson and Stephanie Townsend addressed the Board on various matters.

Guests

The open session of the meeting adjourned and entered closed session at 2:40 p.m. for the purpose of medical review deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Tyminski

Ann Tyminski, Executive Director

Sept. 16, 2008
Date approved

Margery Rodgers PT

Margery Rodgers, PT, Chairperson